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In re Patent Application of:
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For: SILICA-CONTAINING CONJUGATED DIENE
BASED RUBBER COMPOSITION AND
MOLDING

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.